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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF EKITI ELECTIONS

REF: A. ABUJA 792

[1](#)B. LAGOS 213 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: Political Counselor Walter N.S. Pflaumer for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Moshuud Erubami (strictly protect), Chairman of the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG), provided Lagos Poloff with numbers of registered voters for each of the LGAs in Ekiti state where the April 25 and May 5 rerun elections occurred. TMG is part of a consortium of local non-governmental organizations which monitored the May 5 rerun of the Ekiti gubernatorial polls in 63 wards of 10 local government areas (LGAs). Erubami told Poloff he received the numbers directly from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on April 24, 2009. With these numbers, post was able to look at voter turnout in each of the LGAs. The results are as follows:

LGA	PDP	AC	Total # Registered	% turnout	
Gbonyin	1,925	2,871	4,796	38,535	12%
Ekiti S/W	423	351	774	36,450	2%
Ise Orun	3,864	4,221	8,085	30,822	26%
Ijero	5,121	1,881	7,002	41,150	17%
Irepodun/I.	4,087	5,702	9,789	57,877	17%
Ekiti West	2,497	1,149	3,646	27,267	13%
Ekiti East	4,711	3,829	8,540	51,690	17%
Ikole	4,471	3,639	8,110	43,037	19%
Ido Osi	15,939	3,793	19,732	47,587	41%
*Oye	1,268	802	2,070	18,000	12%
Totals	44,306	28,238	72,544	392,415	18%

* Rerun elections for two wards in Oye LGA were held May 5 (due to violence on April 25). All other reruns were held April 25.

[1](#)2. (C) COMMENT: As was the case in 2007, the voter turnout percentages tell the story -- and clearly. Given that Nigerian elections are usually rigged at collation centers and not by actual ballot box stuffing, we note with interest the 41% voter turnout in Ido Osi LGA (when average turnout was only 18% and no other LGA showed more than 26% turnout). Observers of the April 25 and May 5 reruns have told us that turnout was considerably lower than in 2007 (Ref. A), when official statistics show 29% turnout and our Mission observers felt 20% was a generous number. We note Ref. B

allegations that count sheets in Ido Osi were not signed by Presiding Officers, nor by AC Party Representatives. It seems hard to believe that more than 4,000-5,000 of the votes cast for PDP in Ido Osi were actual ballots, meaning that 10,000-11,000 of those counted were likely simply additions made to the collation sheets. Given that the PDP candidate came into the April 25 reruns approximately 11,500 votes behind the AC candidate, the numbers for Ido Osi become even more clearly suspect.

13. (U) This cable was coordinated with Consulate Lagos.
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